



# Comprehensive Evaluation and Transition of Non-Chromate Primers within DoD

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# Overview

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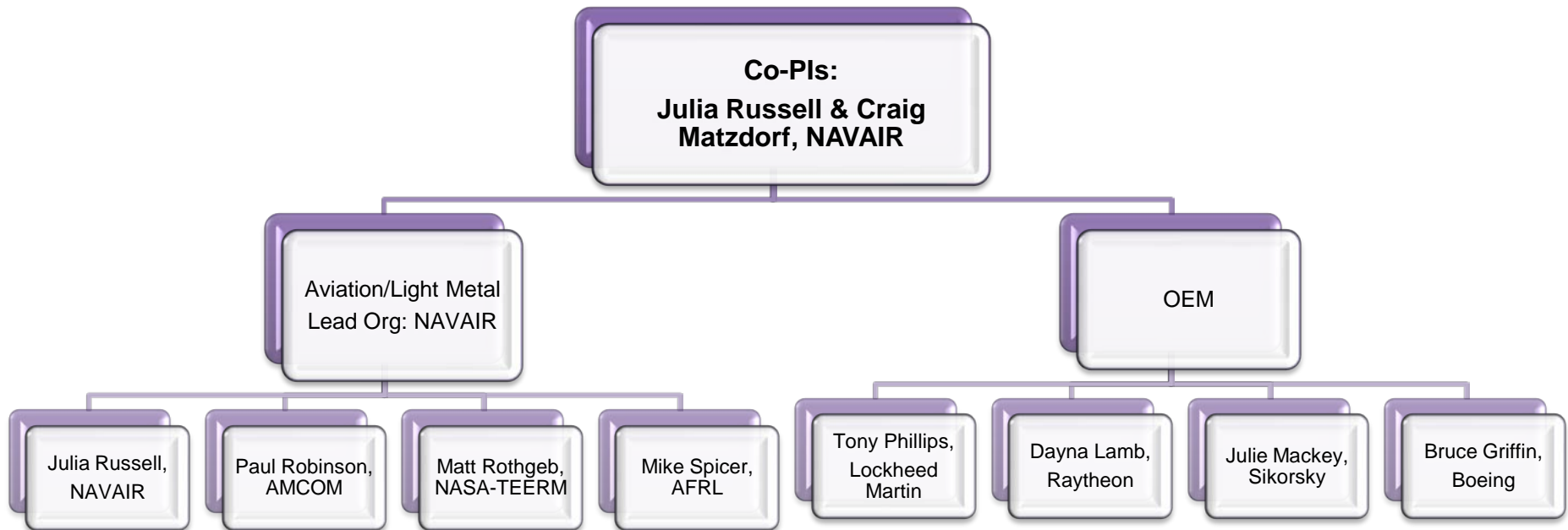
# Objective/Purpose

- **GOAL**

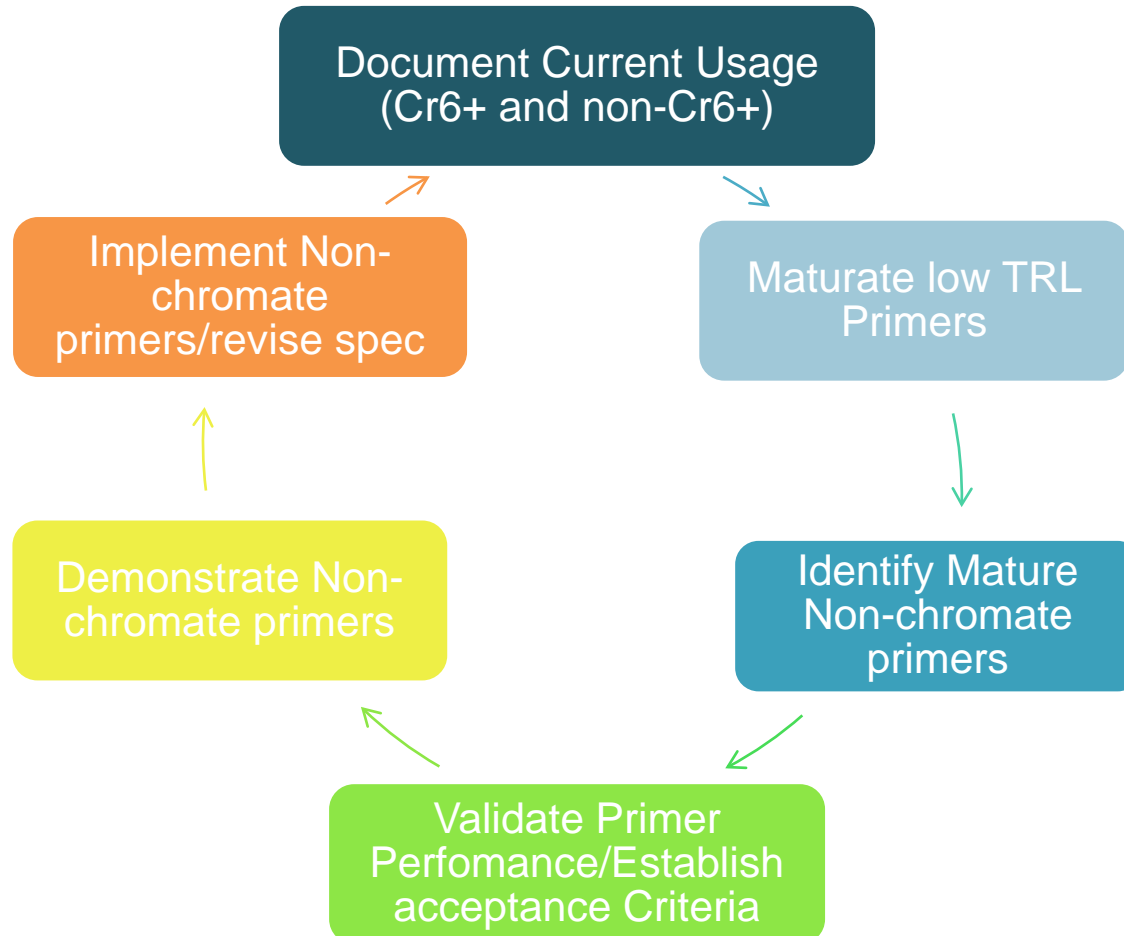
- *“Top down” assessment of current NC primer technology, including coating process MRL and coating TRL*
  - *Dem/val NC primers and processes with sufficient process and coating maturity and invest in development of promising newer technologies*
- Test multiple substrates, surface conditions, exposure environments and coating combinations, comparing to CCC
- Joint service demonstration (Army, AF, USCG, USMC)
- Leveraged with NESDI Project #458 – focused on NAVAIR dem/vals



# Project Team



# Technical Objective



# Technical Approach

**Minimize Current Usage by identifying and filling gaps**

**“Top-down” vs. “bottoms up” assessment of Non-chromate primers**

**Develop DoD/service testing guidelines**

**Mature lower TRL primers**

**Modify primer specifications to account for improved testing procedures/new types of primers**

# Primer validation

- AF/NAVAIR
  - Mg Oxide Corrosion performance (Phase I – **on going**)
  - Skydrol Resistance (Phase II – **planning**)
- AMCOM
  - Mixed Metal (depot-level rework) metal-rich primer evaluation
- Crosslink Primer Development





# US Navy P-8A & USAF KC-46

- BCA switched to non-chromate coating system for 737, 747, 767, 777 production lines:

Sol-gel & PPG CA7502



USN P-8A to replace P-3C

**New coating system – Risk Item for PO**



USAF KC-46A to replace KC-135

**\*BCA agreed to keep chromate primer on OML of EMD a/c**

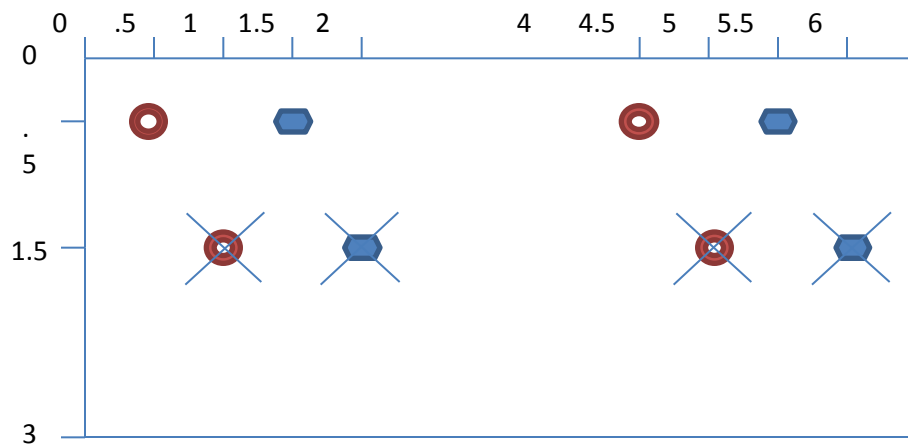
# NAVAIR/USAF Statement of Need

- Solgel/CA7502 Coating system requires the use of acid-activated strippers
  - Banned use of acid-activated strippers in USN & USAF
- Compare PPG CA7502 to other Mg Oxide primer formulations and a chromate control.

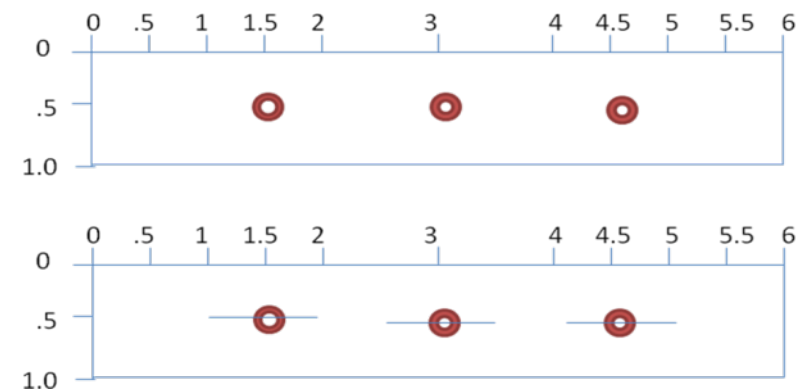
	Flat Panels (3"x5" or 6"x0.032")	NAVAIR Galvanic (3"x6"x0.25")	AF Galvanic
Substrates:	AA2024-T3 AA7075-T6 Clad AA2024- T3	AA2024-T3 AA7075-T6	AA2024-T3 AA7075-T6
Pretreatments:	Boegel EAP9 Alodine 1600		
Primers :	Akzo Nobel MgO 2111 PPG CA 7236 PPG CA 7211 PPG CA 7222 PPG CA 7233		
Topcoat	Deft ELT		
Corrosion tests:	ASTM B117 (x2) ASTM G85 A4	ASTM B117 ASTM G85 A4 Beachfront	ASTM B117 ASTM G85 A4 Beachfront

# NAVAIR/USAF Statement of Need

- Compare & correlate NAVAIR and AFRL galvanic panel test methods



NAVAIR Galvanic Assembly



USAF Galvanic Assembly

# NAVAIR/USAF Testing to date

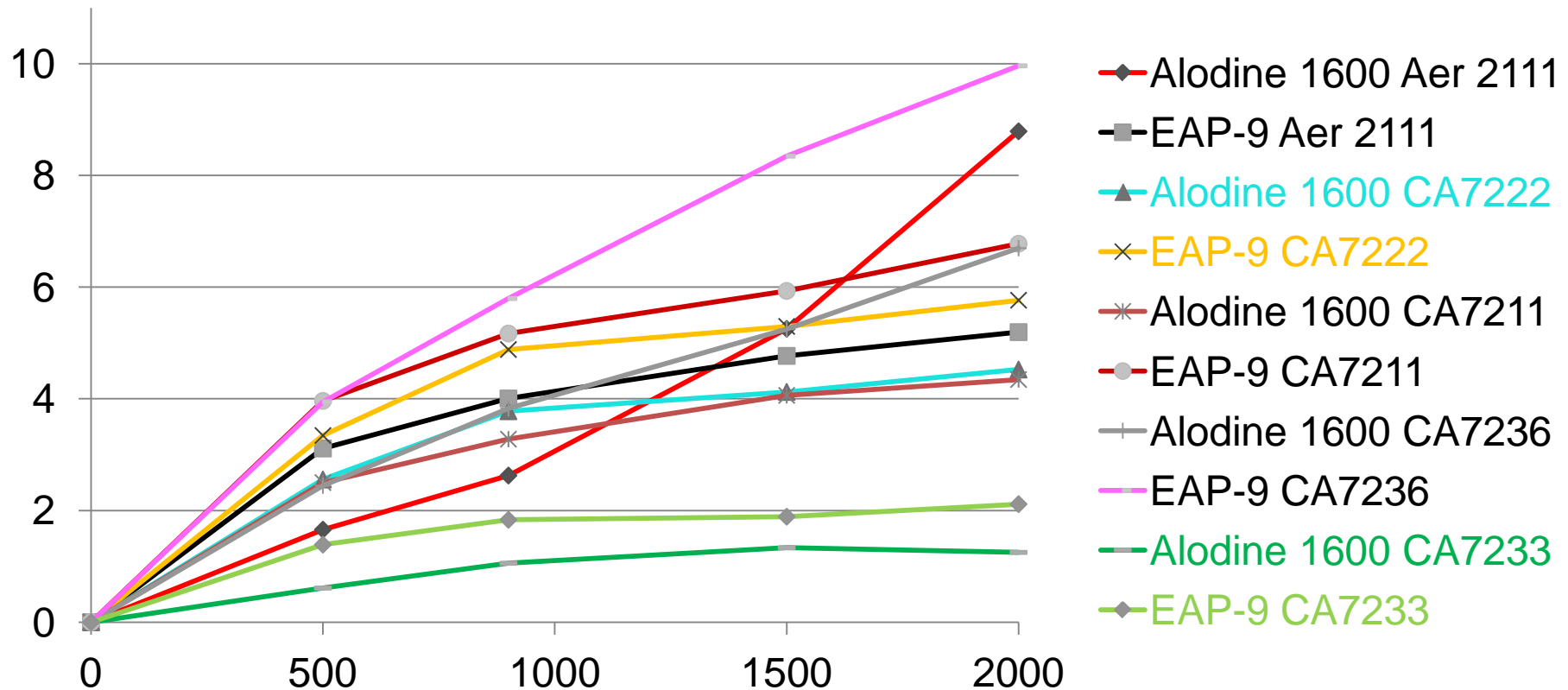
- Flat panel evaluation
  - ASTM B117: Complete (2000 hrs)
  - ASTM G85.A4: Complete (1000 hrs)
- Galvanic Panel evaluation
  - ASTM B117: Complete (???)
  - ASTM G85.A4: Complete (336 hrs NAVAIR; 500 hrs USAF)
  - Beachfront: on-going



# Flat Panels ASTM B117

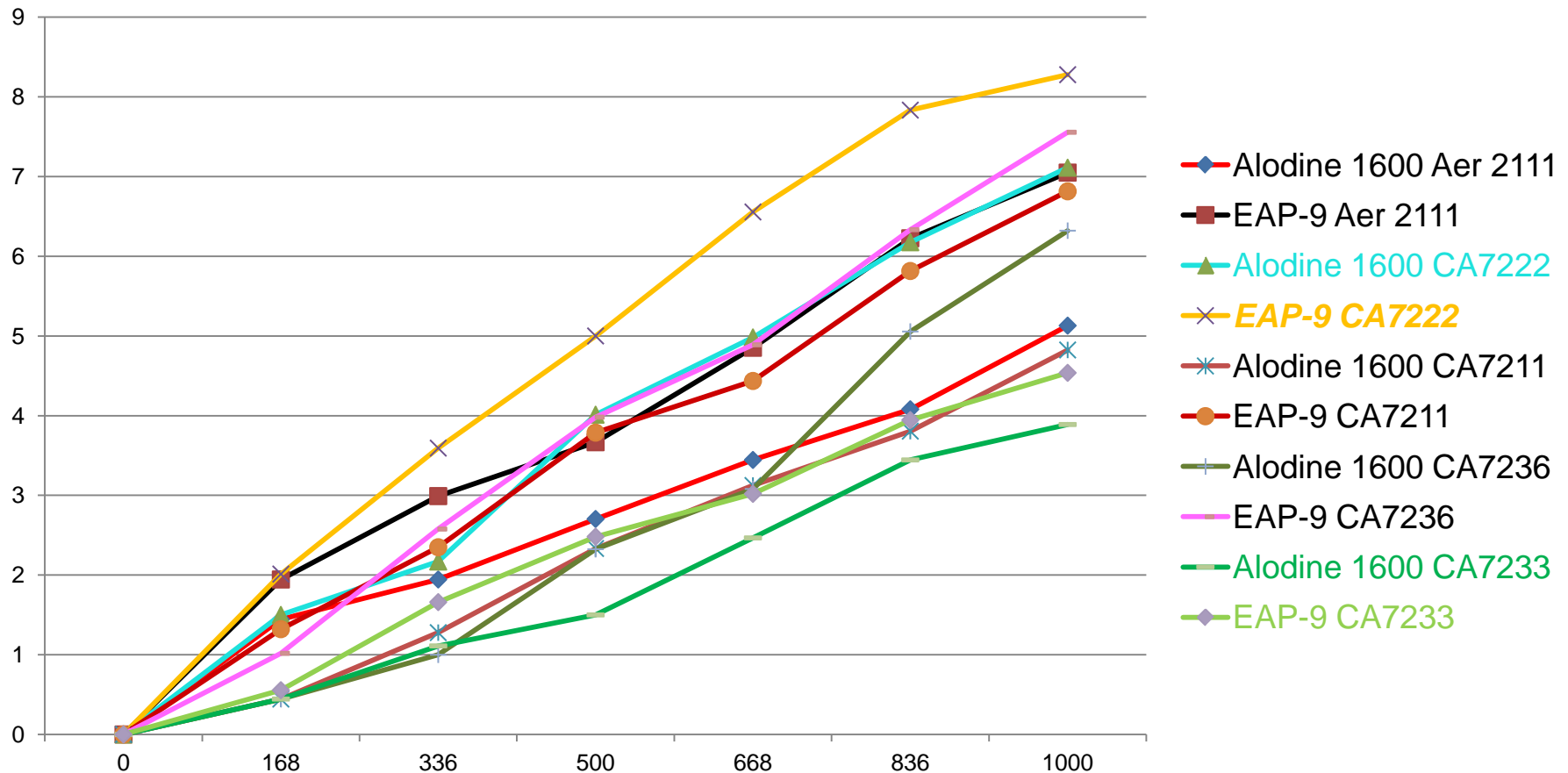
## 2000 hrs

### Coating System (All Ratings)



# Flat Panels ASTM G85.A4 1000 hrs

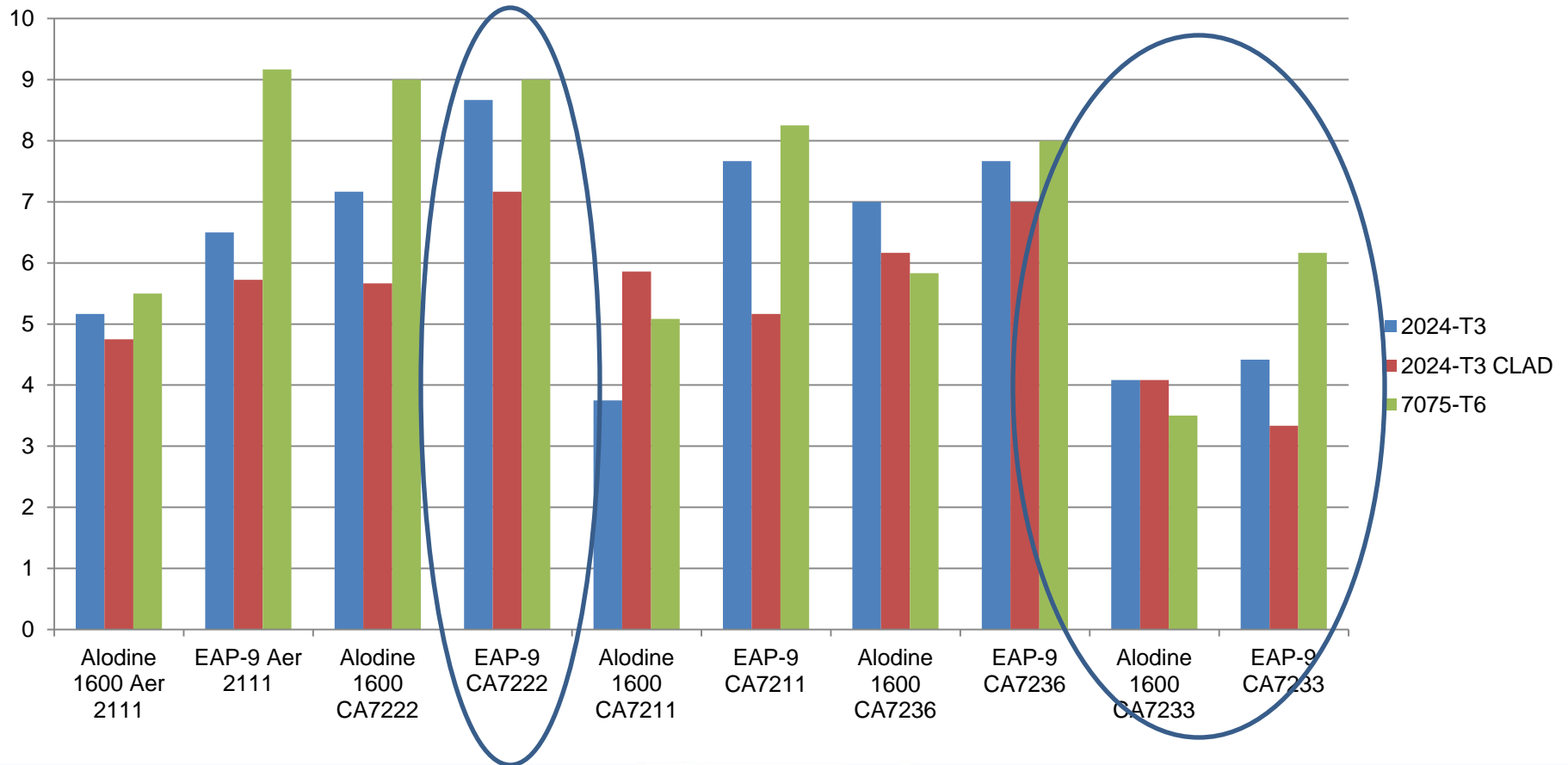
## Coating Systems (All Ratings)



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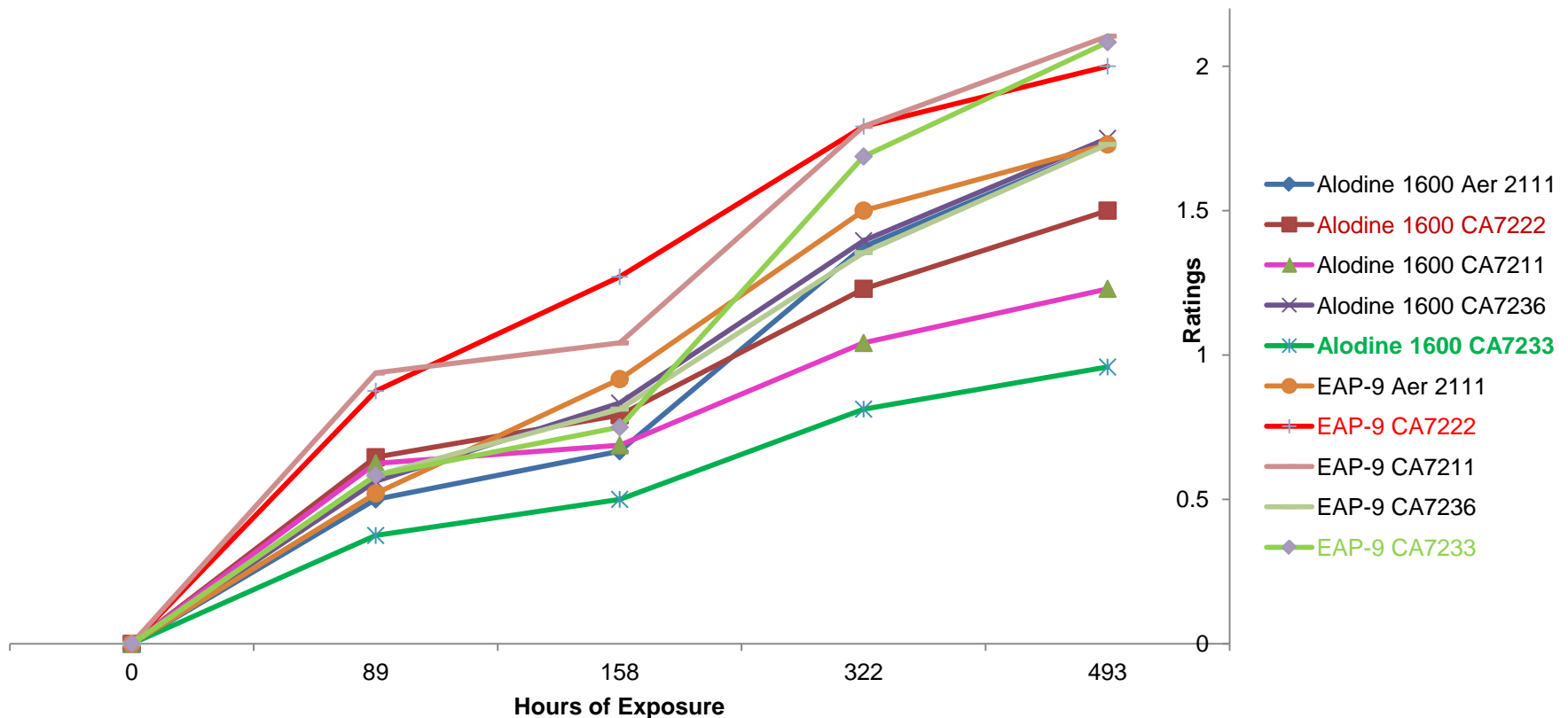
## 1000 hrs

All ratings 1000hrs



# Galvanic Assemblies: ASTM B117-NAVAIR

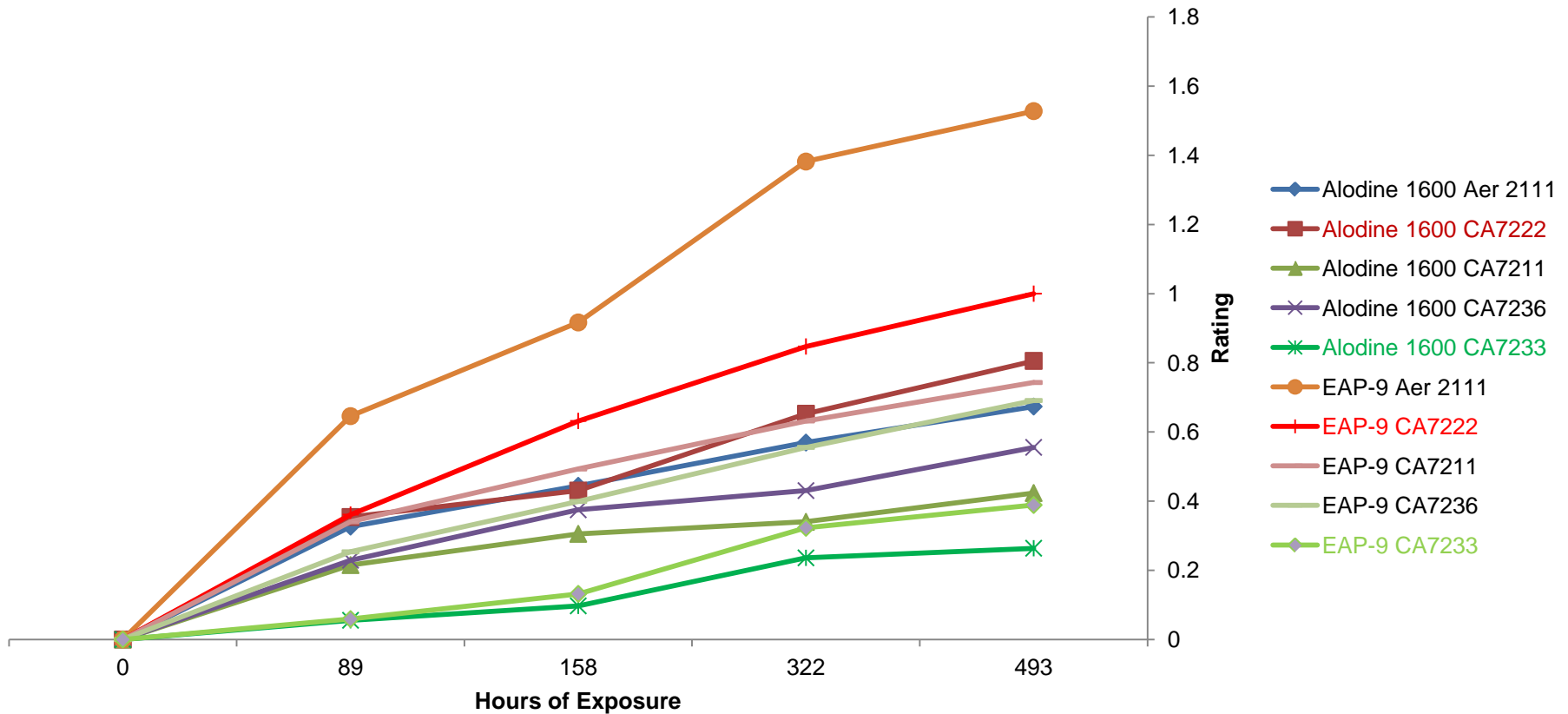
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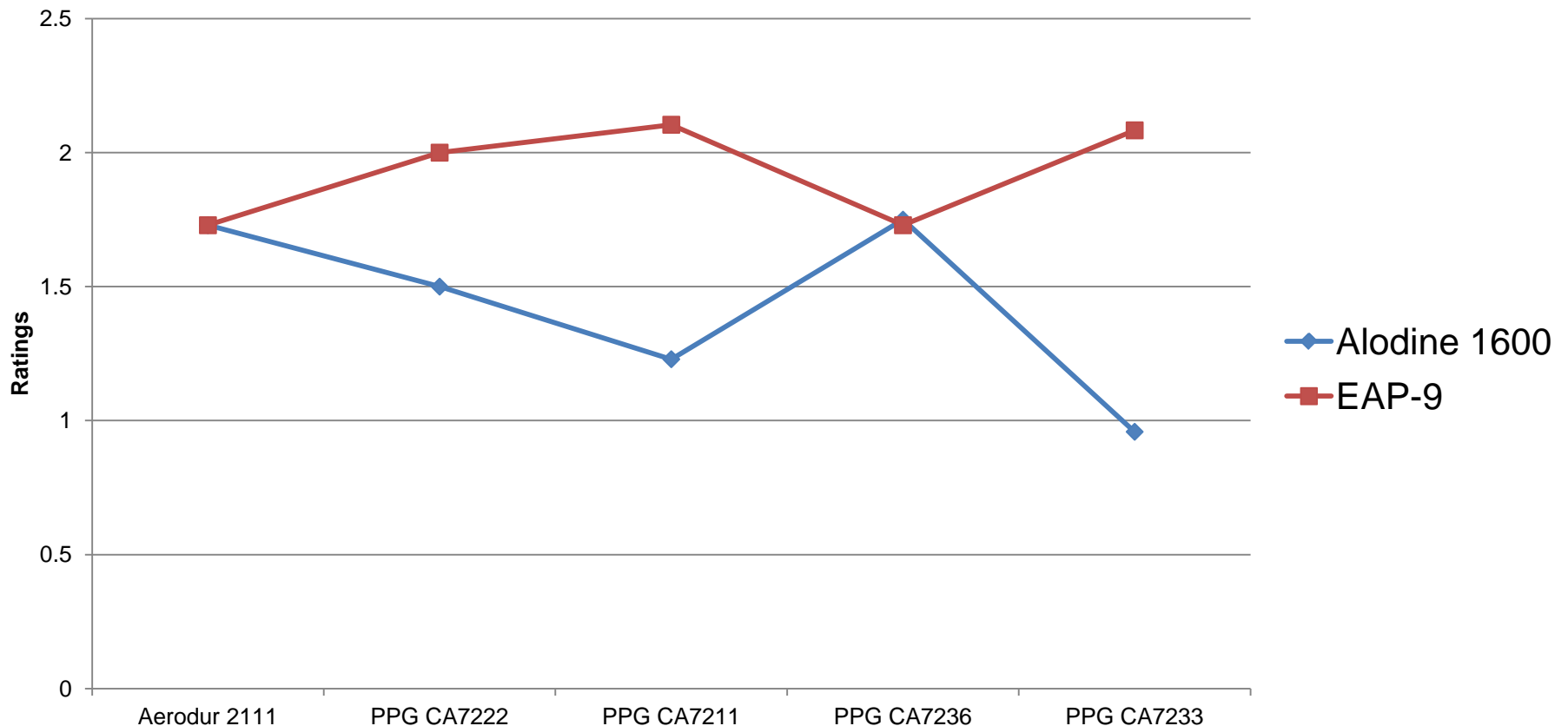
# Galvanic Assemblies: ASTM B117 - USAF

## Coating System (All Ratings)



# Galvanic Assemblies: ASTM B117-NAVAIR

## Primer Performance per pretreatment



## US Army (GSE & Aviation)

- During Depot re-work, systems may not be completely disassembled resulting in components that are comprised of “mixed” materials
  - aluminum-aluminum
  - aluminum-steel
  - aluminum-composite
- Components are then reassembled into the finished item and preserved with the CARC system coating “stack up”.

# Mixed Metal – Test Plan

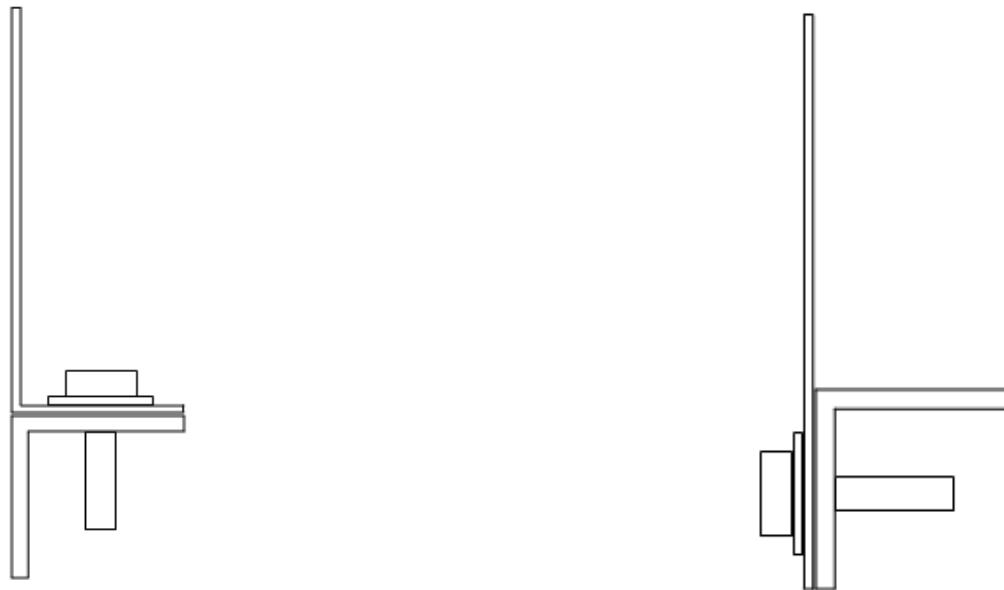
## Steel and Aluminum mixed structures Corrosion and Galvanic Tests

Coating System Component	Control	Alternate 1	Alternate 2
Pretreatment	DoD-P-15328	MIL-DTL-81706 Type II (TCP)	
Primer	MIL-DTL-53022 Ty II		
Alt Primer 1	N/A	Mg-Rich	Magoxide
CARC Top Coat	MIL-DTL-53039 Type IV or IX		

## Al / Al, and Al / Composite mixed Structures Test Coatings for Corrosion and Galvanic Tests

Coating System Component	Control	Alternate 1	Alternate 2
Pretreatment	MIL-DTL-81706 Type II (TCP)		
Primer	MIL-PRF-23377 Type I Class N		
Alt Primer	N/A	Mg-Rich	Magoxide
Top Coating	MIL-DTL-53039 Type IV or IX		

# Mixed Metal: Galvanic Specimen Configuration



(LEFT) Configuration of the Aluminum-Steel and Aluminum-Aluminum test coupons. Joint between the steel and aluminum components will be faced sealed with SAE-AMS-S-8802 along with bolt heads and nuts.

(RIGHT) Configuration of the Aluminum-Composite test coupons. Joint between the aluminum and composite components will be faced sealed with SAE-AMS-S-8802 along with bolt heads and nuts.

# Crosslink Primer

- Previously funded through ESTCP Project #WP-200904
- 3-component primer based on promising new NC pigment package
- Crosslink partnered with Hentzen Coatings, Inc. and Wayne Pigment Corporation to optimize and mature primer formulation
- Hentzen/Crosslink evaluating mature formulas in-house prior to sending to NAVAIR

# On-going Demos





# Implementation



USN/USMC V22 ~  
Hentzen 17176KEP



USN trainers~  
Deft 02GN084



Sikorsky H-60 ~  
Deft 02GN084



Lockheed Martin F-35~  
Deft 44GN098





# Questions?

